

PAUL SILVERIA

COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Paul Silveria challenges the idea that square dances are dull affairs by calling dances with high-energy live music, and creating an event that is fun, beginner friendly, and promotes a sense of community!



ABOUT THE ARTIST Paul Silveria has a passion for sharing traditional music and dance with a wide range of audiences. As a square dance caller, Paul has been calling traditional squares, reels, and big circle dances since 2002. He has called at Pick-A-Thon roots music festival, Seattle's Folklife Festival, the Portland Old Time Music Gathering, and the Berkeley Old-Time Convention, as well as at grange halls, community centers, and other venues along the West Coast. Paul calls to live string band accompaniment, and has worked with many great bands including Foghorn Stringband, and the Tallboys. Paul also organized the successful *Dare To Be Square* West square dance festival in Vancouver BC in 2015, and will be featured at the 2016 Mission Folk Festival.

ABOUT THE EVENT Paul teaches the dances right on the floor, so beginners can be dancing in minutes. His calls are energetic and his engaging figures range from simple to elaborate - a perfect match for any crowd! Paul crafts a dance program that is fun, lively, and comfortable for dancers of any experience level.

Paul calls for adults, kids, and mixed age crowds., and his dances are great for weddings, holiday parties, school programs, school family nights, block parties, team building events, community centres, festivals, corporate events — you name it!

HOW IT WORKS Paul requires live musicians as accompanists when calling a square dance. He can either bring two or three professional musicians with him or will search out and work with local musicians from your community. (The latter is a much more cost-effective option.)

For **technical requirements**, all that is needed is a raised platform, a microphone on a stand, and if it's a really big room and you're expecting hundreds of people, some sort of acoustic amplification for the band.



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Program Outline

Paul will work with up to 60 students at a time in sessions ranging from 30 – 60 minutes throughout the day. *Optional: If time and space allow, at the end of the day all students may assemble for a group dance.*

Prior to the day:

Ensure that the gym is booked and free from all activities for the entire day. The gym will not be needed during the lunch break so regularly scheduled activities that take place at that time can go ahead as planned.

Set the schedule for each class. See sample schedule below.

Paul will contact you to go over the day's program.

On the day of the workshop:

Paul will arrive about thirty minutes prior to the first session and will meet with the lead teacher / coordinator to go over the plan for the day.

Paul will bring his own PA system.



Sample Schedule:

9:00 – 9:35 Primary students K-1
9:45 – 10:30 Primary students Gr 2 - 3
11:00 – 12:00 Middle grades Gr 4 – 5
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 Gr 6
2:00 – 3:00 Gr 7

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